

*October 7th, 1856.*

MR. ORD, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From W. G. Binney, dated Germantown, October 5th, 1856, acknowledging his election to membership.

From H. W. Kennedy, dated Buenos Ayres, August 5th, 1856, transmitting specimens for the museum.

On leave granted, Mr. Lea offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That the members of the triennial General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, with their families, be invited to visit the Museum on public days, during their session in this city.

*Resolved*, That an invitation be transmitted to the members of the United States Agricultural Society to visit the Museum on public days, during their session in this city.

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*October 14th.*

DR. BRIDGES, Vice President, in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From the Library Department of the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences, dated November, 1855, transmitting donations.

From the Royal Society of Sciences at Upsal, dated August 7th, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of the Journal (Vol. iii. part 2,) and the Proceedings (vol. vii. Nos. 2-7,) of the Academy.

From the Royal Academy of Sciences of Naples, dated March 10th, 1854, accompanying vol. vi. of the Transactions of the Academy.

Dr. Le Conte presented a paper, for publication in the Journal of the Academy, entitled "Synopsis of the Melolonthidæ of the United States, by John L. Le Conte, M. D.;" referred to a Committee consisting of Mr. Schafhirt, Mr. Guex, and Dr. Bridges.

A paper was presented for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Notice upon the species of the genus *Salmo* of Authors, observed chiefly in California, by Charles Girard, M. D.;" referred to a Committee consisting of Drs. Morris, Hallowell, and Bridges.

Dr. Leidy presented a paper, for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Notices of extinct Vertebrated animals of New Jersey, collected by Professor Cook, of the State Geological Survey, under the direction of Dr. W. Kitchell, by Joseph Leidy, M. D.;" referred to a Committee consisting of Drs. Le Conte, Hallowell, and T. B. Wilson.

Mr. Lea exhibited two specimens of *Uniones*, illustrating his paper on the Byssus of the Genus *Unio*, read September 25d.

On leave granted, Mr. Vaux moved that the Academy authorize the publication of the list of members and correspondents recently reported by the Committee appointed to prepare said list; which was so ordered.